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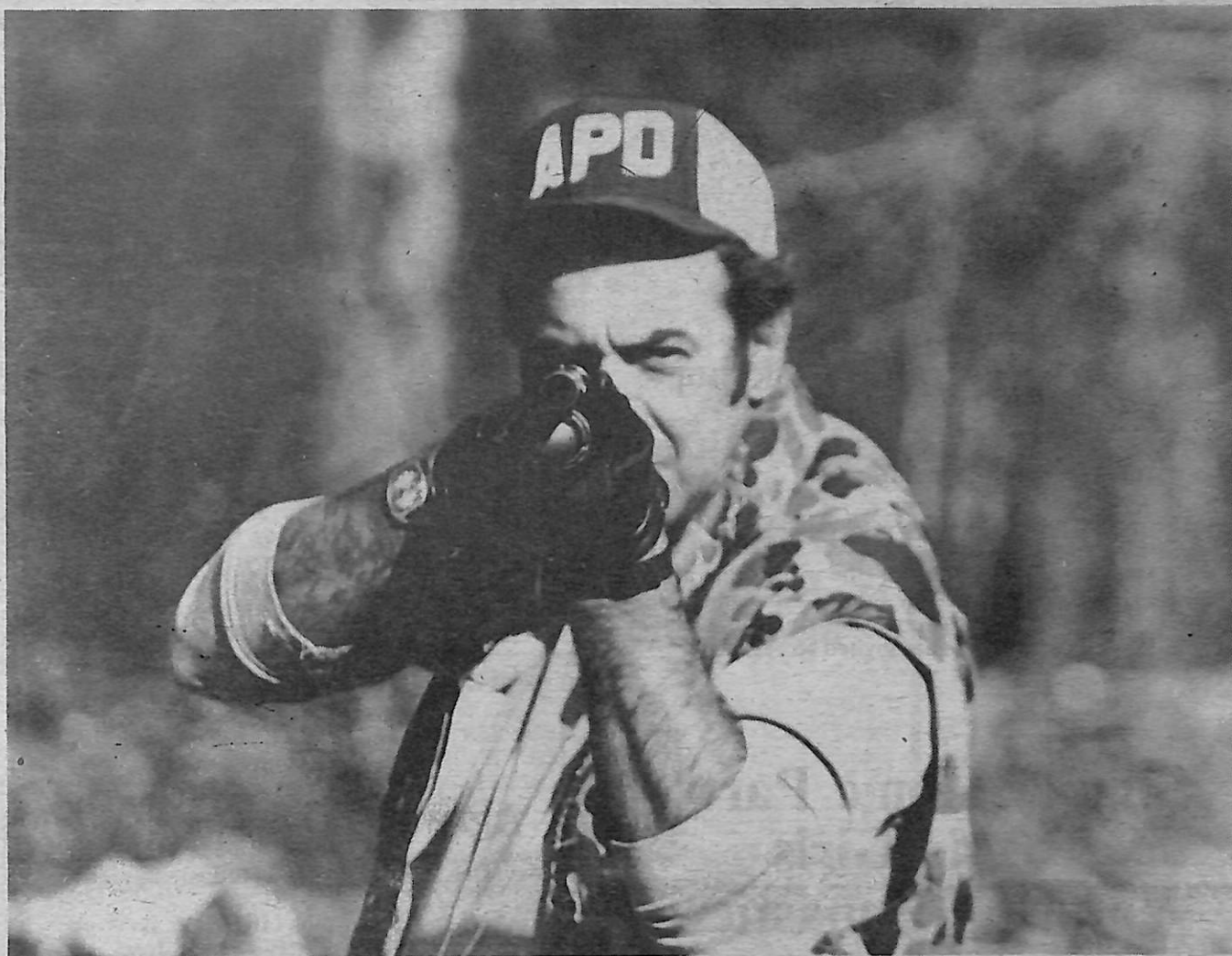
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Recently, all members of the Agawam Police Department were required to attend a handgun qualifications course at the Agawam Revolver Club. This was the first time that all members of the department qualified at the same time. Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski will now require his men to qualify with their handguns four times a year, and department shotguns once a year.

Department Armorer, Officer Donald Loncto, would like to thank Officer James Lewis (pictured above), Dwight Brouillard and his Sheriffs Postol team, and Sgt. Robert Swikilus for their help and assistance in making the department handgun qualifications a complete success. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

## Communicable Head Lice A Problem In Agawam Schools

By Joanne Brown

"I want every parent in this town to be made aware of the problem we are having with head lice in our schools. It's now town-wide, and we have to eradicate it."

So said Mrs. Venetta Snyder at last Tuesday's meeting to the Agawam School Committee in reference to the growing situation in which some students in nearly every school in town are now infected with head lice.

Both Mrs. Snyder and committee member Jessie Fuller insisted that Agawam Health Director Ronald Young is not doing his job in finding those children who are infected and eliminating the problem.

Mrs. Fuller pointed out to other members of the committee the public health regulations which specify that when a child is found to be infected, he must be sent home and not allowed to return to school ideally until he presents a doctor's certificate stating he is free of the lice. The alternative procedure to the doctor's note is for a careful check to be made by the school nurse before the child is allowed back into the classroom.

Mrs. Snyder stated, "Mr. Young is telling parents we don't have a problem - don't panic. Well, I think parents should have panicked last week. We have reached what I would call an epidemic, and every single child in this school system must be checked."

Mrs. Fuller flatly said, "I don't think Mr. Young is

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## Nardi-Rolland Recount Affirms Deadlock

By Ric Sardella

In view of a full complement of the Board of Registrars, Town Clerk Edward Caba and a number of interested onlookers last Monday evening at the Town Hall, the status of Precinct One candidates Frederick Nardi and Joseph Rolland remained unchanged - 575 votes for Nardi and 575 votes for Rolland.

Incumbent council vice-president Francis Colli was again given the ballot's top honors with 581 votes. Both Colli and Rolland had petitioned for the recount shortly after the November 6th election.

The recount has set the stage for a showdown between the newcomer Rolland and the veteran Nardi early next year, according to Caba. The major question now rests with Town Attorney Lambert Ollari, who is expected to rule next week on whether Nardi and Rolland will square off in a run-off election or whether a primary election, open to all precinct residents, is necessary. Two finalists will be selected from the primary if Ollari rules in that manner.

"I think the fairest route to go is to have a run-off between myself and Nardi," Rolland remarked after the 90-minute recount. "We both ran in the original election so it seems that would be the best way to go."

Nardi agreed. "I would like to see the election between just him and me. It sounds like that would be the fairest way to do things."

During the recount, a dispute occurred over the validity of ten absentee ballots which Attorney Richard Gelinas, a Nardi representative, said were in violation of the state election code.

Gelinas also cited an absentee ballot that lacked a signature of receipt from the Town Clerk's office. The registrars noted the objections, but later confirmed that all ten absentee ballots were legal.

Caba told the Advertiser/News that the ballot lacking the signature of receipt from his office was "a matter of

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Present at Precinct 1 recount were, from left: Town Clerk Edward Caba; incumbent Frederick Nardi; Attorney Richard Gelinas; Registrar Phyllis Mason; and Walter Kerr. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine



# SCHOOL NEWS

## School Lunch Menus

### AGAWAM SCHOOLS MENU

**Monday, Dec. 3:** Pizza w/mozzarella cheese topping, tossed garden salad w/shredded carrots and spinach greens, French dressing, chilled pineapple in syrup, milk  
**Tuesday, Dec. 4:** Filet of haddock sandwich, oven baked beans, mixed vegetables, ice cream, milk  
**Wednesday, Dec. 5:** Fruit juice, baked hamburger & macaroni in tomato sauce, buttered Italian bread, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, white cake w/pineapple and whip topping, milk  
**Thursday, Dec. 6:** Oven roasted chicken, buttered whipped potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat bread & butter, fruited jello w/whip topping, milk  
**Friday, Dec. 7:** Steamed frankfort in roll, French fries, buttered green beans, chocolate cake w/vanilla icing, milk

### SOUTHWICK SCHOOLS MENU

**Monday, Dec. 3:** Ravioli w/meat sauce, shredded cheese, buttered green beans, bread & butter, chilled pineapple, milk  
**Tuesday, Dec. 4:** Baked meat loaf w/gravy, baked potato, garden salad w/dressing, chilled peaches, milk  
**Wednesday, Dec. 5:** Turkey salad sandwich w/lettuce, potato chips, buttered peas, strawberry jello w/fruit & topping, milk  
**Thursday, Dec. 6:** Orange juice, sloppy Joe, Popeye salad w/dressing, devils food cake w/white icing, milk  
**Friday, Dec. 7:** Vegetable beef soup, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookies, milk

## WNEC Awards Degrees

Two Agawam men are among 123 from Western New England College to receive degrees in October according to academic vice president Allan W. Bosch.

Receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Accounting was Michael S. Wilson of 233 Cooper Street. He was awarded his degree summa cum laude.

Receiving a masters of Business Administration in accounting was Richard J. Treganowan of 14 Stanley Place. A programmer analyst for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, he holds a BS from Westfield State College.

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## Library To Begin Saturday Film Program

Starting in December, there will be a one hour, Saturday morning children's film program at the Agawam Public Library at 10:00 a.m. The program is open to all Agawam elementary school children. No pre-registration is necessary.

Films will include the following:

**December 1st:** *The Thieving Magpie, Drummer Hoff, Curious George Rides a Bike, Children of the Long Beaked Bird*

**December 8th:** *The Gallant Little Tailor, Geyser Melodies, Grizzly Bear, Legend of Johnny Appleseed*  
**December 15th:** *Winter of the Witch, In the Park, The Orphan Lions, Madeline's Rescue*

**December 22:** *Peewee's Lanola, Lentil, Fine Feathers, Little Mariner*

**December 29th:** A SPECIAL SHOWING OF WALT DISNEY'S *Freaky Friday*, starring Jody Foster.

## Library Offers Children's Craft Workshop

The Agawam Public Library will offer a children's craft workshop on Saturday, December 1, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The program will feature easy-to-make Christmas tree ornaments.

Children should register for the workshop at the library, 750 Cooper Street, by Friday, November 30th. There is no charge for the program. Agawam children from 5 to 12 years of age are invited to register.

## Stanley Home Party To Aid Girls Varsity Gymnastics

The Agawam Girls' Varsity Gymnastics Team invites you to a Stanley Home Products Party on Wednesday evening, December 5, 1979 at 7:00 P.M. at the Agawam Junior High School. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited. Proceeds from the party will go to the Girls' Gymnastics Team.

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# Guidance Bulletin Board

[This column which will appear on a regular basis is being coordinated by and submitted to our newspaper by Paul Cavallo, chairman of the Guidance Departments for schools in Agawam.]

By this time all seniors will have received a very important document--the F.A.F. which is the abbreviation for Financial Aid Form. In order for your child to be considered for aid from an institution of higher education, he or she must show a financial need. The student along with his parents must complete the detailed financial aid information form which is analyzed to determine the total contribution expected from a family. A student's financial need is the difference between his parent's contribution and the cost of his education at the college he chooses. For example, if the students parents' contribution is \$500 and the cost of the college is \$4,000, the student's financial need is \$3,500.

A college's financial aid officer usually puts together a financial aid package which may consist of grant, loan and job. This assistance is renewable annually as long as the student continues to qualify on the basis of need and any academic requirements for scholarships.

In the next issue, I will describe to the readers the federal and state programs available to college bound seniors. These include the BEOG, the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant, the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), Guaranteed Student Loan, College Work Study, Mass. State Scholarship, and the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP).

The 1979 National College Fair will be held December 3rd and 4th at the Springfield Civic Center. In addition to meeting with college representatives, other services are available to the visitor for free. For example, individual counseling and career information will be offered concerning college selection, application procedures, financial aid, and testing. Also, there will be specialists representing The College Boards, Veterans Services, Continuing Education and ACT (American College Testing Program).

## Agawam School Music Dates

**Monday, Dec. 3 - Senior High madrigal sings for Lioness Club**

**Wednesday, Dec. 5 - Senior High Jazz Band plays for Golden Agers Christmas Party at Chez Josef**

**Thursday, Dec. 6 - Secondary Schools Chorus Workshop at Jr. High auditorium 9:15-11:00 (Middle School Chorus, Jr. High Chorus, Senior High Chorus)**

**Saturday, Dec. 8 - Western District Festival auditions for senior high students 9:00 - 4:00**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Clark School Music Program for parents 7:00 p.m. - Junior High School Winter Concert (Band and Chorus) 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Middle School Winter Concert 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, Jan. 19 - Senior High District pre-rehearsal at U.Mass. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, Jan. 29 - District Concert rehearsal and concert at U.Mass 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Jan. 23 - Senior High Band Award Supper - high school cafeteria**

**Thursday, February 7 - Senior High Jazz Band for Congregational Church dinner 1:00 p.m.**

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# SENIOR CENTER

## Edith Blaisdell Crouss Celebrates 105th Birthday



Mrs. Edith Blaisdell Crouss

Mrs. Edith Blaisdell Crouss, 105 years old, oldest resident of the town and Heritage Hall Nursing Home was honored November 23, 1979 at the observance of November birthdays for the Heritage Hall patients.

Born in Agawam, Nov. 11, 1874 in a home which was located about opposite of the present Springfield Yacht Club on River Road, she has been a life long resident. Her parents were Horace D. and Sarah Smith Blaisdell of Richford, Vermont, who came to this town in 1870. Ulysses S. Grant was president at the time of her birth and she has lived during the terms of 22 presidents. Her father, a Civil War veteran saw action in the battles of Gettysburg and Bull Run.

She was married to Willard C. Crouss on Jan. 31, 1899 and they purchased a home and 48 acre farm on the corner of Mill and Suffield Streets, where they lived until the death of Mr. Crouss in 1949.

She is the oldest member of Agawam Congregational Church and an honorary member of the Allen Bird Club. She is also the oldest living member of the Eastern Branch of the Blaisdell Association, in York, Maine, and recipient of the gold-headed cane from the Town of Agawam.

She has two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Gosse and Mrs. Anna Pond, both of Agawam.

### AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER MENU

12/3: Corned beef hash, cottage cheese salad, cake  
12/4: Veal patties, Spanish rice, spinach, fruit  
12/5: Manicotti, lettuce, cookies  
12/6: Beef stew, noodles, lettuce, fruit cocktail  
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We would like to thank the Agawam Clearing House and especially Mrs. Barbara Connery for the beautiful Thanksgiving baskets they donated to our needy. There were some mighty happy people when the baskets were delivered!

The next foot clinic of Dr. Haynes is December 5th. Hypertension Clinic is December 4th.

## Elks To Hold Memorial Service

The West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge 2174 B.P.O.E. announced that it will hold a Memorial Service for departed brothers on Sunday, December 2, 1979 at 7:00 P.M. at its Morgan Road Lodge Hall.

The Memorial Address will be given by Father Cyril Schweinberg of Passionist Fathers.

Musical solos will be rendered by Edward Girotti accompanied by Mrs. Emma Debowes on the piano.

The first Sunday in December is a mandatory Memorial Sunday with all Elk Lodges across the United States.

## Agawam Women Assist YWCA Home Tour

Mrs. Gordon Butler, Miss Ruth Perry, and Miss Edith Perry, all of Agawam, announce that something new is being added to "At Home For Christmas," the Springfield YWCA's second annual tour of homes decorated for the holidays--A sale of handmade Christmas decorations and confections, available to people on the home tour only.

The decorations will include small wreaths of natural materials, felt wall and door hangings, stockings, jeweled fruit, tree trimmings, and stocking stuffers.

## Annual Christmas Party At St. Anthony's Church

Senior Citizens, 70 years and over and their spouses of St. Anthony's Church of Agawam will have their 4th annual Christmas party and dinner Sunday December 9 at 4:30 P.M. in the church hall. They will be treated to a fine dinner of antipasta, chicken and macaroni, salad, dessert which will be served family style. Meals will be delivered to shut-ins. Anyone lacking transportation can call the Rectory at 786-3724.

For entertainment the church choir will sing Christmas carols under the direction of organist Joanne Beltrandi. Jay Contrino and Joe Papetta will lead a sing-a-long of the seniors favorite songs. Santa Claus will arrive at 6 p.m. to pick up the seniors Christmas list.

Rev. Joseph H. Fellon C.S.S., Church Rector and Honorary Chariman, said the appreciation dinner is an annual affair for senior parishioners with long dedicated service to the church.

Those in-charge of the event are Church Parish Council Community and Life Commissions, Paula Tangradi, Vivian Govoni, Joseph Gazar, John Nascenteni.



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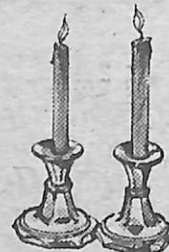
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# SOCIAL

## Cabaret Nite Features Feeding Hills Woman

A gala "Cabaret Nite" will be presented by American International College's chorale on Friday, November 30, at 8:00 p.m. in the Schwartz Campus Center auditorium. A variety of popular Broadway show tunes and old favorite hits highlight the musical and vocal program.

Solo performances will be given by AIC junior Anne Marie Favreau of Feeding Hills, as well as by sophomores John Maltais of Springfield, Mark Mooney of Enfield, and John Roland of Monroeville, NJ; junior Mary Nicholson of Longmeadow; and senior Joe Wiczorek of Springfield.

"Cabaret Nite" is directed by AIC music professor Barbara Conant along with Michael Dulac, a graduate of Westfield State College and the University of Massachusetts. The two will perform duo piano selections, a polka by Shostakovich and a pasticcio by Scarlatti.

The chorale has been presenting "Cabaret Nite" for ten years under the direction of Mrs. Conant. The musically talented group of students also provides vocal backup for most AIC stage productions.

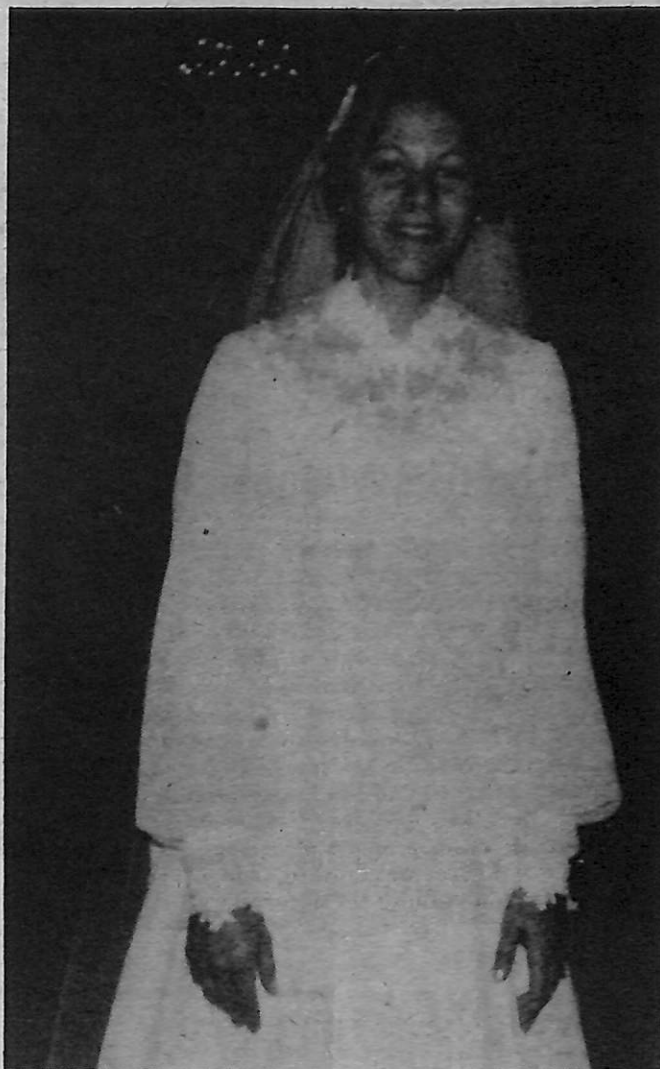
The public is invited to attend. Tickets for patrons are \$5.00 per couple. Admission is \$1.00 per person, and students with college ID's are admitted free.

## Feeding Hills Women's Club To Meet At Heritage Hall

The December meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on December 5th at Heritage Hall, Cooper Street. It will be the annual Christmas party, bazaar, and carol singing beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition to bringing items for the bazaar, members are reminded to bring mittens for the Mitten Tree.

## Ellen Madamas Weds Anthony Chiba



Mrs. Anthony James Chiba

Ellen Marie Madamas and Anthony James Chiba were married on November 17th at the Cathedral of St. George, Springfield. A reception at the Oaks Inn followed the ceremony. The couple is now enjoying a honeymoon trip in Florida.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Madamas of 84 Norris Street.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. William Chiba, Sr. of North Westfield Street.

The groom is employed by Titan Roofing Company of Chicopee.

The couple plans to make their home in Feeding Hills.

## Swingles Dance Slated

The Swingles Square Dance Club will feature Henry Cosimini calling and the Benoits cueing the rounds at their square dance on Friday, November 30th at 8 p.m. This is an extra dance, with all "singing calls" and will be held at the Church of Good Shepherd, 33 Elm Street, West Springfield.

All western style square dancers, single as well as couples are cordially invited to attend.

## NAWIC Set Christmas Dinner

A travelog by guest speaker Willis H. Haynes, president of Eastern States Exposition, will be presented at the December Christmas dinner meeting of National Association of Women in Construction, Chapter 115 of Greater Springfield.

The meeting will be held at Antonio's restaurant, 2701 Boston Road, Wilbraham, on Tuesday, December 11 with social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30.

Mr. Haynes, president of the Big E since 1971, was retired from Farm Credit Bank as vice president and secretary in 1974. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow, a Rotary International honor. As leader of four international people-to-people agricultural delegations to Soviet Union, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark, Australia and New Zealand, and the British Isles, he has much to share.

Amelia Witkop, president, will preside at the business meeting. Reservations may be made with Lise Casella, 927 North Street, Suffield, CT 06078 before December 4th. Guests are welcome.

## Mothers of Twins To Hold Christmas Auction

The Hampden County Mothers of Twins Club will hold a Christmas Auction on Monday, December 3, after the business meeting at the Greater Springfield Association of the Blind, 910 Liberty Street, Springfield. Members are asked to bring Christmas items, crafts, plants, jewelry, and baked goods. Auctioneer will be Ruth Hodges.

Final plans will be made for the children's Christmas party to be held on Sunday, December 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Members will be asked to bring homemade cookies. The children will make decorations for the Christmas tree and provide the entertainment.

Members are asked to bring items for the Mitten Tree at the December meeting, which will be donated to Children's Protective Services (Brightside) of Holyoke.

All dues should be paid the night of the meeting. Refreshments will be served. All mothers of multiples and their guests are welcome. Inquiries should be addressed to Kathy Mouchantat, membership chairman, 159 Green Hill Road, Longmeadow.

## PWP Plan New Year's Event

Parents Without Partners will gather on New Year's Eve at the Fairfield Inn in Chicopee for a dinner and dance. Single parents and former members from Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut will attend the dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the dance at 9:15 with music by the Capri's.

The group of single parents hopes to hear from former members that have remarried, as well as prospective members. Because advanced reservations are required for dinner, please contact the local PWP chapter immediately or write to George Desautels, 223 Munising Road, Ludlow, MA 01056.

Parents Without Partners is a non-profit organization devoted to the education and well being of single parents and their families.

## Longmeadow School Sponsors 'Cabin Fever Sale'

The Blueberry Hill School PTO of Longmeadow will sponsor a "Cabin Fever Sale" on Tuesday, December 4th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the school on Blueberry Hill Road.

This is a first-of-its-kind sale of inexpensive, recycled materials which can be used for making toys, centerpieces, furniture, etc. Many craft projects will be on display with directions available explaining how to use recycled materials to make them.

With the enthusiastic support of Mabel Connolly, director of the Recycle for Children Center at the Sacred Heart School on Stafford Street in Springfield, the PTO has collected an abundance of recycled materials from area industries and businesses.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**December 1st**  
Christmas Bazaar  
St. John's Church  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**December 8th**  
Westfield High School  
Craft Show  
South Middle School  
West Silver Street  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**December 1st**  
AHS Class Of 1974  
Reunion  
Marriott Hotel  
6:30 p.m.

**December 1st**  
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Christmas Bazaar  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**December 1st**  
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Agawam Girl Scouts held a Unit Event on Saturday, November 24th at the Agawam Middle School. A total of 350 Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Adult Scouts attended the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast put on by the Agawam Lions Club. Following the breakfast, the 21 troops made outdoor tree decorations, and walked to the town hall where they were assisted by the Agawam Fire Department in hanging the decorations on the tree. They then returned to the school for a flag ceremony and Investiture of the new Adult Leaders and Rededication of all registered girls and adults. Out time was up before the tree was finished, troops were dismissed, and arrangements were made with Cascio's Nursery to help the adults finish the decorating.

## Community Grange To Meet

The Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, Dec. 4th at 8 p.m. in the Grange Home on North West Street.

The program is in charge of the Home and Community Service Committee, Mrs. Muriel Thayer, Chp. Mrs. Mildred Stockwell, secretary of Pioneer Pomona Grange, will be the guest speaker. She will entertain with "Chalk Talks for Fun." The various projects of the committee will be on display, particularly the plans for the Christmas season.

A social hour will follow the program. The refreshment committee consists of Clarence Holloway, Frank, Ruth and Bessie Allen.

## Christmas Seals fight lung disease



Agawam Firemen Ben McCullough (pictured above), and Ray Pond, assisted Girl Scouts and Brownies last Sunday in decorating the trees in front of the Town Hall. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

## Southwick Church Presents Christmas Bazaar

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Congregational Church of Southwick (at the junction of 10-202 and 57 opposite the Country Colonial Shoppe) will present their annual Holly Bazaar on December 1st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the church groups have been busy making interesting and attractive items for the various tables.

Mrs. Florence Warriner is chairman and Mrs. Barbara Stromgren is her co-chairman. Members of the committee are Mrs. Elson Johnson, Mrs. Melvin Briggs, Miss Doris Clark, and Mrs. Martha Utzinger.

Silhouettes cut while you pose will be done by local artist Mrs. Paul Baillieul. A homemade candy counter, grab bag for children booth, and a house plant table will also be available.

The Holly Inn lunch bar with Mrs. Irving Burdick as chairman will offer coffee and doughnuts all day and chowder, sandwiches, and homemade pies from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Twelve Days of Christmas is the theme for the decorations in the new Fellowship Hall, where the Holly Bazaar will be held. The partridge in a pear tree is done in felt wall hanging but from the two turtle doves to the pipes-a-piping the various objects are done in the new-old art of soft sculpture. Each has been designed and handmade by Marilyn Chunglo (none for sale).

## Swedenborg Subject Of Film

Sunday, December 2, at 2:30 p.m. at the Capt. Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, the Theosophical Society in Springfield will present a half hour film on the life and works of Emanuel Swedenborg, a remarkable 18th century scientist who made break throughs in anatomy and brain research, discovered the function of the endocrine glands, and helped found the sciences of crystallography and metallurgy.

Swedenborg, a religious visionary, philosopher, and scientist, rediscovered the hidden meanings in the Bible, translated the symbols of dreams and visions, displayed well documented clairvoyant powers and predicted the precise moment of his own death.

Anyone interested in comparative religion, science, and parapsychology is urged to see this film. With a stellar cast, including Lillian Gish, it dramatizes events in Swedenborg's life that clearly reflect his spiritual beliefs.

Anyone interested in membership in the Theosophical Society should contact Mrs. Ruby Crane at 737-1307. The film is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

## Christmas trees are a family affair

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## Booster Club Hosts Breakfast

The Agawam Football Booster Club hosted its second annual breakfast for the benefit of the Agawam High School football team. Approximately 600 local residents and friends participated in this event, which was held in the school's cafeteria prior to the Agawam/West Side game on Thanksgiving Day.

Co-chairmen for this year's program were Jim Crean and Joe Pisano, who were assisted by a host of the club's members. In addition, a small "army" of workers from the Lions Club and the Gridiron Moms were on hand to lend their expertise in kitchen crafts.

The team and the varsity cheerleaders were guests of honor. Principal Dave Theodorowicz greeted all who were present and pointed out the school's pride in these young people not only for their performances on the field and sidelines, but also for the positive contributions that they have made to the town generally.

Director of Athletics Cliff Kibbee was also on hand to extend his department's best wishes.

Al Bonavita, president of the Boosters, was most pleased with this year's turnout. In addition, he wishes to extend a well done and a grateful thanks to all who participated in making this breakfast a tremendous success.

When asked generally what the proceeds of such an event are used for, Al indicated that during this past football season, the club was able to supply cases of soda for the players at some of the practice sessions each week. In addition, colorful T-shirts were purchased for the team's linesmen. After the game Thanksgiving Day, trophies would be presented to various football players for the offensive and defensive action. The trophies were purchased by the club from its proceeds. Expansion of activities and awards is planned for the future as the club progresses.

## Acting is Fun!

A.C.T. (Agawam Children's Theatre) is only five months old and this is their second production. The fall session proved extremely successful with new students working among the advanced.

A.C.T. welcomes all boys and girls 7-17 years of age. Acting is for every child. It is for the child who naturally likes to entertain a group and for the one who is (or imagines he is) shy and awkward. The chances are he hasn't had an opportunity to emote.

The enthusiasm is high as students arrive early to classes and find it difficult to believe two hours have passed when their parents return to pick them up.

On Sunday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m., Agawam Children's Theatre will be staging a review at Mapleton Hall in Suffield, Connecticut. If you are interested in attending this creative production, please call 786-9281 or 786-7047.



Members of the Agawam Jr. Women's Club Barbara O'Connor (l) and Barbara Connery (kneeling) place gifts for needy Agawam children under the "Caring and Sharing Tree" donated by town businessman Arthur Leary and set up in his Country Squire furniture store. The tree will be a drop off point for gifts of toys and warm clothing for needy children of Agawam under the auspices of the Agawam Clearing House. The store is open six days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and gifts can be dropped off at any time.

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# Council Action On Pay Hike The Right Move

By Ric Sardella

The Town Council's recent rejection of a \$700 pay hike sponsored by outgoing councilor Kenneth Barnes was a move that is best termed as refreshing and in the spirit of public service.

It is refreshing in the sense that it displays that the council and its much-publicized fiscal austerity posture goes for those who dictate policy as well as the community at large.

It becomes difficult to take councilors seriously when, on one hand, they demand that the town bite the bullet, and on the other, they turn around and chew the fat of the land.

The raise wasn't all that much, but that doesn't matter. What does matter is the image the council projects; accepting that pay hike would have tainted that image of good fiscal management.

In a second sense, the vote indicates that the council believes that serving the community without the benefit of increased compensation is still a virtue in this community. The move struck a chord for the spirit of public service, something that seems to weaken with the passage of time.

Councilor Barnes made a few good points in arguing his case. The council has not received a raise in its eight years of existence. And, as he pointed out, the \$500 compensation they receive is far less than what similar bodies in sister communities are allocated. And, as Barnes further argued, running a municipal government is many long hours of work and a tremendous responsibility.

Yet, such a resolution is not wise use of public funds. Escalating inflation, high interest rates, soaring gas and food prices leave residents under a monetary seige. This same council cut the Parks Department budget, among several others. How could they justify a raise under such circumstances, even if it came in 1982 as Barnes suggested?

The last thing residents want to hear is that their elected officials have granted themselves a pay raise. It removes the teeth out of the dog and leaves it clumsily wagging its tail...again, practicing what one preaches manifests credibility.

The Barnes motion also followed the shameless bill initiated by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Edward King granting lucrative pay boosts to the leadership in both Beacon Hill chambers, to King, and to the

legislators themselves. The action left many outraged and has sparked counter measures by a few fiscally responsible Republicans, including Agawam State Representative Edward Connelly.

Fortunately, the Town Council avoided walking such an outrageous road of free spending in a state already taxed to near exhaustion.

One aspect of the issue that councilors used to argue down the proposal is that School Committee members, the same group responsible for half of the municipal budget, receive no compensation for their many hours of running the school department.

Like the council, School Committee members work part time at their elected positions. Many claim that the School Committee shoulders a far greater burden than the Town Council, and it would be only fair to give them some monetary benefits before granting a raise to the council.

In all fairness to Councilor Barnes, who was called a "lame duck" councilor in the *Springfield Daily News*, his proposal was not a self-seeking motion. It was an acknowledgement that these elected officials do much for the community, but receive little in return.

But it is somehow comforting to know that these 15 officials are not sitting in the Junior High School every other Monday for monetary gain. The money stinks for the effort put in, but that's what civic life in a small community is supposed to be.

Barnes should not be viewed as a free spender and he has served too many years to deserve the tag "lame duck." If anything, the council is losing their most capable legislator. His record speaks for itself, especially in budgetary matters.

One high town official the other morning commented that the days of public service are over, and that the best way to get a good council is to pay them well for their services.

At least for now, the council has disproven that observation here.

## Two Programs Aimed At Small Businesses

Both the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce will sponsor programs directed toward presenting information to operators of small businesses in the area.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration will present "New Laws Affecting Small Business" on Thursday, December 6th, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Baybank Valley Trust Company Bruce MacLeod Community Room.

Featured speakers will be Paula Gold of the Bureau of Public Protection of the State Attorney General's office; Michael G. West, J.D. and Philip J. Hendel, J.D. of Kamberg, Berman, Hendel, Gold, and West, P.C.

The program will focus the Consumer Protection Act, advertising, debt collection regulations, and the new bankruptcy code.

For reservations for this seminar, submit your name, the name of your firm, and its address to Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, 600 Baystate West Plaza, 1500 Main Street, Springfield 01115.

The Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Mass. Energy Office, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Holyoke Community College, will sponsor "Energy Management for Small Business" on Monday, December 3, at Holyoke Community College, the Forum, Building C with registration at 8:30 a.m. and seminar from 9 to 1 p.m.

"How To Conduct an Energy Audit of your Business" will be presented by Charles Bowser and Alice Altman, who are energy conservation analysts for the Mass. office of Energy Resourced in Boston.

"The Potentials of Solar Energy in Small Business" will be presented by Maurice N. Lacasse of Lacasse Heating & Cooling Supply, Inc. in Holyoke.

"Financing - SBA - What is SBA?" will be presented by Edward Oparowski, loan officer in Holyoke with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

This seminar is free of charge. For more information, call 534-3376, 739-9615, or 536-8770.

## Citizens For Good Government Schedule Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Citizens for Good Government on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library on Cooper Street. All members are urged to attend, as well as any other interested residents of Agawam.

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

B - B Land Development, Inc. hereby gives notice that on or about December 1, 1979 an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) will be submitted to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs under the provisions of MEPA, M.G.L., Ch. 30, ss. 62 to 62H, inclusive for the regrading of existing lots numbered 1 through 10, Redwood Drive, Agawam, Massachusetts at River Oaks Subdivision, Redwood Drive, Agawam, Massachusetts. Copies of this ENF will be available from proponent's attorney: Eugene L. Tougas, Esq., 510 Main St., Waltham, Mass. 02154 This ENF will be available for public inspection during business hours at the MEPA Unit, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, 20th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02202, and also at Agawam Conservation Commission located at 36 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

Public notice of the filing of this ENF will be published by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs in the *Environmental Monitor*. A twenty day period for submission of public comments will follow the publication of notice in the *Monitor*. Please write or call the MEPA Unit at 727-5830 for information on public comment periods and how to subscribe to the *Monitor*.

By Eugene L. Tougas, Atty. for proponent

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, SS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 79-1496

To: JAMES P. VOTZAKIS and ERIN P. VOTZAKIS, husband and wife, both residing at 50 Tracy Drive, Agawam, MA 01101; and SUFFIELD WEST REALTY, INC., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its usual place of business at 46 Suffield Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01101

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering certain real estate situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, therein bounded and described as follows:

"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot No. 11 (eleven) as shown on a plan of lots of Tracy Drive, in said Agawam, recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 122, Pages 10 and 11, to which plan and the record thereof reference is hereby made, and said lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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given by James P. Votzak and Erin P. Votzak, husband and wife, to the Plaintiff, dated May 5, 1978 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4585, Page 364

has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by and possession and by exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure, you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield on or before December 31, 1979 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, James P. Lynch, Jr., Esquire, Chief Justice of our Superior Court this fourteenth day of November 1979.  
Edward G. Shea, Clerk

Published November 29, 1979

## Pediculus Humanus Capitis (Head Lice)

With the existing problem of head lice present in the Agawam elementary schools, we at the *Advertiser/News* feel it is essential to provide information on this condition to the town residents who may have to cope with an instance in their families.

Head lice, with the Latin name *Pediculus Humanus Capitis*, make their home in hair and grow round little eggs called *nits* which attach themselves to the base of hairs.

### Can Be Communicated

Ways in which the condition can be communicated are the following:

1. Direct Contact with an infected individual
2. From personal items such as combs, towels, pillow cases
3. From clothing such as hats, ribbons, jackets

The condition is not a sign of being dirty, and it spreads very quickly.

### Signs That The Condition May Exist

1. Persistent itching, often with infected scratches or rash on the scalp
2. Nits (small, silvery eggs) attached to the hair
3. Swollen lymph glands in the neck and under the arms

Check the scalp and hair at the back of the head and behind the ears in particular.

### Recommended Treatment Procedure

Contact a doctor for a prescription for the special shampoo called Kwell which each member of the family, not just the infected individual, should use at the same time.

Clean all personal articles such as combs, brushes etc. with Lysol, alcohol, or some such liquid

Laundry all bedding, jackets, carpeting, draperies (The school physician, Dr. Doering, recommends an over-the-counter remedy called RC spray.) Repeat the cleaning process one week later.

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# EDITORIAL

## Incumbents Own School Committee Monopoly

By Ric Sardella

What is it about School Committee members Roberta Doering, Richard Borgatti, Tom Ennis, Jessie Fuller, Venetta Snyder, and Walter Balboni that keeps them lopping off challengers election after election?

Is it name alone? Is it a lack of qualified challengers? Can their success at the polls be attributed to the electorate's knowledge of school affairs and confidence in the board?

Judging from the November 6th tally where Mrs. Doering again topped the ballot with a whopping 4,113 votes, one gets the impression that the present board cannot be touched.

Six incumbents run and six incumbents win - that's an amazing percentage when considering that over the past two years, many of those same incumbents were capturing black headlines over such controversial issues as the high school renovation project, Max-Ed, and, most recently, the selection of new Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert.

But look at the numbers and the years served on the board: Borgatti, 3,793 votes and 10 years on the board; Ennis, 3,760 votes and 8 years; Mrs. Snyder, 3,541 votes and 8 years; and Balboni, 3,390 votes and 14 years.

Only newcomer Rosemary Sandlin broke the incumbent stranglehold by notching the seat vacated by longtime member Joseph Napolitan. The rest of the pack fell far short of even threatening the seven frontrunners.

When asked for an explanation of this incumbent monopoly, former school board chairman Frank R. Locke gave this response:

"First of all, the town wants continuity on their school committee. They don't want a big change all at once, and that's important to running a school system. It's critical not to have sudden change, and I think townspeople recognize this."

Locke, who served as a board member for six years and remains active in civic affairs, described the overwhelming victory for the incumbents as a "vote of confidence" in their performance. He acknowledged that the present board has been beleaguered by internal problems, adding, "The board had some tough times and received more bad headlines in the last two years, but I'm happy the way it turned out, especially for the chairman," he said in reference to Borgatti, the often-maligned committee chairman.

Chester Zymroz, one of the three candidates who failed in a first bid for a board seat, failed to share Locke's version. He attributed the incumbents' sweeping victory to "the people of Agawam not becoming aware of what is going on in the school system."

He added, "It just doesn't seem that voters really care and that's why the incumbents are picked year in and year out."

The 22-year-old candidate said he has not decided whether to make another run in 1981, but quipped, "I'll be keeping abreast of what is happening in the system."

Michael Thomas, the most outspoken and antagonistic candidate of the board's performance, was not so kind. During an open debate with the incumbents at the Robinson Park School in September, he scored the board for their hiring process of Hebert and also

blasted the committee for allowing the school system to fall "educationally short of average standards."

Thomas placed eighth on the ballot. He, too, was heard saying after his defeat that voter apathy and forgetting the board's shortcomings allowed the end result to slide against him.

While it appeared during pre-election hype that some of the incumbents were vulnerable due to the bad headlines and much-publicized bickering, in unison the incumbents supported their previous positions, which often resulted in the infamous 4-3 split of votes. Also, most members attributed their re-election to years of experience in the community and to the school system.

Mrs. Fuller, who pledged not to seek a fourth term in 1981, says her re-election was a disappointment in that she didn't receive more voter support. Finishing fifth, she says, "is a clear-cut indication that voters in this community are not aware of what is going on." She cited ballot position as being instrumental to Thomas' eighth place finish.

Mrs. Fuller would not expound on the board's consistent conflicts, though she did state that the board's record "speaks for itself" and that at times "the media over-emphasizes things."

Borgatti and Ennis were quick to point out the many achievements of their years in office. Ennis said he holds no ill feelings towards his colleagues. He said the hiring of Hebert among other important issues, often led to emotion and differing opinions, "but we leave it at the table, and I don't know of any discord."

Borgatti had come under intense fire from Balboni for formally conducting a vote on Hebert's status without the presence of Napolitan, Ennis, and Balboni. He defended his criticism of Borgatti and said it was "just one issue and nothing else."

Balboni calls his many years of service and the recent election of all incumbents as a true gauge of the job he and his colleagues have turned in. "The town has shown confidence in us once again, he said following the November 6 balloting.

Perhaps Balboni's assessment is correct. Residents do place innate trust and faith in this committee to direct their children's education.

Any time an incumbent board dictates policy over a long period of time, detractors will claim that the board is a lame duck in thought, full of stuffy and long-winded orators. Such criticism has been levied upon this board, and, undoubtedly, that commentary will continue.

Yet it's hard to argue with the voter turnout on the committee's behalf. Maybe Frank Locke has placed it into proper perspective - the committee has a job to do and, in the final analysis, does it well. So why the need for a big change?

Whatever the answer, the longevity of the present members seems well protected until retirement from active duty opens the door to a group of new faces.

As one school department official put it, "If people in town were not happy or at least satisfied with the quality of education for their children, would they continue to vote these people in with such consistency? I think not."

Unfortunately intimidates some councilors into heated controversy within the council meetings.

Ms. Bonavita sang loud and clear that if she were elected one of her main objectives would be to improve communications between the people and our Town Council. Elected by a clear majority to an "at large seat" it would seem that the proposal by the people through Ms. Bonavita should have received a little more polite discussion and consideration than it did, so we wonder, just how do we get a message to some of these councilors?

We thoroughly understand that the councilors in a part time position are many times hard-pressed between their regular every day jobs and the time they devote to running the town; however, this is all the more reason that they should accept some sort of assistance. The council in the past in respect to some important issues has been vague and indecisive concerning our people's desires and as a result, placed the issues on the ballot or referendum at considerable cost to the town as it turned out the issues were not controversial as far as the people were concerned because the vote was so overwhelmingly one-sided. Indications seem to prevail that in the past the controversy stemmed from within the council because of a lack of communication with the citizens.

The citizens elected to retain our present form of government, but that does not mean that it cannot be improved upon. Citizens, especially those who voted for Ms. Bonavita, should call their councilors and insist that her proposal or something similar be studied. Remember, you put Ms. Bonavita in her seat as your representative, and now she needs your support even more as she cannot do it alone.

Harry J. Minet Jr.  
28 Oxford St., Agawam

## From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



## "Jaws" Syndrome Hits Health Department

We're all familiar with the movie *Jaws*, and how, in the beginning, the town fathers of little Amityville refused to recognize the fact that the town did indeed have a very serious problem to face-- that the town officials didn't want news of their shark to reach all of the would-be tourists who would soon flock to the small island for a Fourth of July weekend. When the danger became so obvious that officials had to admit that their waters were indeed inhabited by a man eating shark, things were worked out (as they always are in movies), and in the end, good prevailed over evil. We have to wonder why it is so difficult for some people to admit that which is apparent to so many others. Should we write it off as 'human nature' or should we look for some deeper, more self-serving motive? Perhaps those who are blinded to the truth, and those who try to blind us to the truth, really don't care.

All of this rhetoric is leading to a point. The point being that the Agawam Board of Health, and the Health Director have failed the people of Agawam miserably in the recent and ongoing head lice infestation of Agawam's school children. While nearly 60 children at James Clark School have contracted the little critters - some twice - and numerous other cases have been reported in the other elementary schools in town, not one, consolidated word has reached ALL of the parents in town simultaneously. What they don't appear to be willing or able to acknowledge is the fact that one louse can infest many, many people, and that lice are known to literally jump from one person to another. To say that the problem is under control, when half of Agawam's parents are not even aware of the situation, is not only deceiving, it shows a complete lack of concern for the welfare of our children.

The fact is that treating one case at a time without taking preventive measures will do little to help the situation. "Spot checking" children's heads at the various schools does little good. A complete and thorough check of each and every student - K-12 must be made, and made NOW. All parents, in fact all people in town, must be notified as to what to look for and what to do if lice are found to be present in their homes.

In a report to town manager Caputo by Ron Young, Health Director, dated November 26th, Mr. Young detailed the onslaught of lice infestation at James Clark School. His report covered "sporadic cases found and treated prior to October 24th; between Oct. 24th and Nov. 8th, 23 new cases found and treated; on Nov. 9th, entire school population surveyed and 32 new cases reported; on Nov. 13th, entire school again surveyed with 1 new and 1 repeat case being found; on Nov. 19th, entire school again surveyed, and no new or repeat cases found." From this Mr. Young deduced, "that a problem had existed in a confined area of the community, but by taking action when we did, a serious situation may have been averted." However, on November 26th, apparently after this report was completed, Clark School was again checked and we have received figures from 25 - 37 new or repeat cases were found at that time!

The problem is not disappearing - it is becoming worse. According to one source, all grammar schools, and the Middle School, with the exception of Granger, have had some reported cases of head lice. It stands to reason that children will keep infecting and re-infecting other children until an all out effort is made on a town-wide basis to stop the infestation. Mr. James Loomis, Principal of Granger School was contacted by a member of our staff, and told her that the children in his school were being checked. However, we spoke to several mothers of children at Granger who claimed their children were never checked. Mr. Loomis then admitted that they were only spot checking the students at this time.

School Committee members expressed frustration at the situation, and the general feeling was that this was a matter for the board of health - who control the school nurses - and not the school committee per se. James Bruno, acting Superintendent of Schools, has directed Mr. Young and the principals to examine all children by Friday, November 30th. Let us hope that the situation can be brought under control and that all concerned have learned a lesson - even though it has been at the expense of our children.

Joanne Brown, a member of the Advertiser staff, has compiled some helpful information on head lice. We print this a public service since we feel the information vital to the community at this time. - See Page 7



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To The Editor:

Many times it has been said by past and present members of our Town Council that citizen input is lacking, and therefore, they were not always abreast of the people's desires where certain issues were concerned. During the past year at public hearings, our citizens made many factual, legal, and economic presentations which proved to be informative and helpful to the members of the council. Five minutes of public speak time at the council meetings does not produce the communication needed between the people and its town government, and for councilors who profess that they can feel the pulse of our town through phone calls, they must think we townspeople to be quite naive.

The councilors who brushed off Ms. Bonavita's proposal so abruptly should be reminded that her proposal has been more than successful in all walks of life, in neighboring towns and cities, in state government, in businesses, in almost every situation some sort of non-mandatory advice or held is needed. Statements made by some of our councilors relative to Ms. Bonavita's proposal and reflected in the media were both untimely and unfortunate, not only for the individuals who made them, but for the town as a whole. This attitude on the part of some of the councilors actually creates the pressure groups and the unbalance in our town. The telephone calls and the small groups trying desperately to have a voice produces another part time element that





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# SPORTS

## Terrier Victory Well Played-Well Deserved

Suddenly, it's West Side.

"It's lunacy, sheer lunacy. I've never seen anything like this before," bubbled West Springfield rookie coach Tom York after his Terriers had crushed arch-rival Agawam in the annual Thanksgiving Day encounter.

The lunacy York is referring to, of course, is the pre-game hype and excitement that encompasses the matchup between the ancient rivals. 5,000 fans, the largest crowd at a Brownie football game in many a year, packed Harmon Smith field to witness the Brownies being thrown to the dogs. Yes, it's happening.

Being on the short end is a feeling that the blue and white from across the river are familiar with. A year ago, the Brownies roasted West Side 40-6. Looking over the ledger between the two squads, Agawam owns a commanding 37-14-3 series edge.

And last season's slaughter was indicative of what local squads have done to their friends from the community west of Springfield on more than one occasion.

For the orange and brown, well, it made Mom's turkey dinner go down a bit harder. People in this town take their football seriously and don't take kindly to a loss to the Terriers. The scoreboard's 42-15 reading was the worst beating the townies have suffered since 1960 when West Side won going away at 40-8.

"I began hearing about the Agawam game over a month ago, and I had to keep telling people that we had other games on our schedule. But the excitement and the banners just kept coming," York reflected.

This year's version of the gridiron classic saw the Terriers in an unfamiliar role, being rated as solid favorites over their all-time nemesis. West Side came in owning an impressive 7-1 record and, more importantly, vying for a share of the AA Conference championship if Chicopee could upset Holyoke.

Chicopee didn't. But that didn't take the sweet revenge taste being savored by York and his charges.

"This team took quite a beating a year ago in this game and were treated much in the same way during the regular season. The way things turned out for the kids

leaves us all feeling rather good," York mused.

York's cast of destroyers, including QB Tom Hall, running back Steve Leo, and star lineman Dave Quimby and Dave Zita, left no doubt from the start on what fate loomed for Agawam.

With Hall leading a precision perfect attack with timely aerial strikes to Jeff Wool, and Leo chewing up real estate totalling 147 yards, the Brownies were in a heap of trouble.

Agawam coach Jack Michalak took the numbing defeat in stride. He offered that the absence of big lineman Larry Roberts, by far Agawam's pillar of iron in stopping opposing backs and moving out enemy defenders, was a key ingredient to West Side's success.

He observed rather matter of factly, "It altered our game plan not having Larry in there. They ran off tackle all day and their yardage piled up. No question the game would have been different."

Indeed, the Brownie defense was bleeding yardage very badly to the physically superior visitors. Michalak warned at the season's outset what would happen if Roberts was absent from the lineup. His look into the crystal ball proved to be deadly accurate.

The Brownies makeshift defense simply could not resist the continual pounding of a Terrier offense that compiled 500 yards. The clean uniform of Hall, who went virtually untouched from the opening whistle, bore testimony to the dominance of West Side's offensive line, which protected the highly skilled Hall to near perfection in the three hour contest that ended in a misty spray of rain.

The Agawam offense, usually their strongest weapon, became entangled in the plaguing malady as the Terriers turned a 14-7 station break advantage into a runaway second half.

Still, the locals turned in a valiant effort and refused



West Springfield's Bob Pashko (14) prepares to crack Agawam QB Ricky Leclerc during Thanksgiving Day action. Looking on is the Terriers' Jeff Wool (85). Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

to roll over and play dead once the contest reached the ridiculous stage.

Defensive stalwart Joe Pezzimenti, a middle linebacker with more guts than a hungry junk yard dog, played his heart out. Unofficially, he was involved in some 25 tackles. Senior Bill Blackak performed well in the trenches as did Mike Longhi on the offensive line.

Rick Leclerc, Agawam's all-everything signal caller, ran for 94 of the toughest yards of his life. Many of those yards were of the bits and pieces variety...he took some bone crushing shots from the Terriers and it amazes how he remained coherent.

A large number of old timers were seen slowly walking off the battleground following the 48 minutes of action. Some reminisced about the good old days, but this West Side contingent was solid through and through and left a few observers believing that their 8-1 record rivals Holyoke's unblemished 10-0 mark.

For the townies, who climaxed their season at 6-4, there is no reason to hang their heads. They were small, a group that toyed with destiny but failed to get any luck in a 26-20 loss to Holyoke way back in October. Third and 25 will be a tough one to forget.

Agawam defeated Milford for the first time ever after losing a disappointing contest to Cathedral. That's character.

No, this team didn't win any league honors, nor did they duplicate last season's splendid 7-3-1 mark. This team had character, guts, and talent, but lacked the all important size and weight, yet commanded respect around the circuit.

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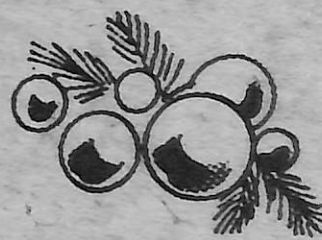
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Winners of 'Outstanding Player' awards for the Agawam Brownies are shown above with members of the Agawam Booster Club. No. 73, Mike Longi was named offensive lineman; No. 40, Joe Pezzimenti was named defensive back; No. 66, Bill Blackak, was also named defensive back; and Rick Leclerc, No. 10, offensive back. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



Ric Leclerc's foot received limited action during West Side's 42-15 rout of the Brownies. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

## Terriers Gobble Brownies In Turkey Day Rout

by Ric Sardella

They invaded Harmon Smith Field on an overcast Thanksgiving morn like a pack of wild eyed, starving dogs. By the time they were ready to return to their West Springfield lair across the river, the Agawam Brownies had been torn limb from limb.

The scoreboard's rain sprayed face told Agawam litany of terror and West Side's litany of Thanksgiving: 42-15.

There isn't much that can be said about the manner in which the Terriers devoured the locals, except that short and sweet it was not. The 3-hour encounter resembled Chinese water torture for Agawam; slow and painful.

With a throng of 5100 looking on, the Tom York directed Terriers assumed a command position from the opening kick-off in upping their record to a dazzling 8-1. They stopped the 6-4 Brownies cold on three plays, and then proceeded to march 65 yards on ten plays with the hard rushing Steve Leo finalizing the picture perfect march on a Lyaro crack. It was just a foreshadowing of things to come.

"They just couldn't stop us," is how York, West Side's highly acclaimed rookie coach, viewed his squads demolition job of Agawam. "Our offensive line controlled the game and that's what we planned to do, control the ball with the line leading the charge."

The West Side statistic leder was a testimonial to York's observation. Behind Leo, who carried the pumpkin 26 times for 147 yards, Dave Scudder, 11 carries, 46 yards, and Bob Porter, 13 carries good for 6 yards, Agawam's defense barely had time for a quick trip to the water cooler. They were on the field of battle almost the entire 48 minutes of action.

Additional fuel to West Side's assault was junior quarterback Tom Hall, a cool cucumber who connected on 8 of 12 in the air lanes for 162 yards. Included in those figures were touchdown heaves of 16, 38 and 16 yards to split-end Jeff Wool, another bundle of talent.

It was Wool by the way, who gave Brownie fans, totalling some 3,500 strong, their only opportunity to stand up and cheer during the one-sided holiday affair.

Wool inadvertently fell to one knee when fieling a snap on an attempted punt at his own one yard line with 22 seconds showing on the first quarter clock. A play later, senior quarterback Ricky Leclerc, smelling a change to forage ahead, dove to paydirt through a sea

of entangled hulks. Leclerc toed the extra point and for a shining moment, West Side trailed 7-6.

It didn't last long. The Terriers, moving the pigskin as effectively as any squad that faced the Brownies this season, re-opened their clinic. Leo carved a hole into the Larry Roberts-less Agawam line for 5 carries during a 13 play, 59 yard juggernaut to the flag.

Hall climaxed the march with a spot of trickery. Faced with a fourth and one at the Brownie 16, the crafty southpaw faked a handoff and instead, lofted a neat aerial to Wool, who had beaten safety Abe Yacteen. Porter slammed home for the extra two points, lifting the visitors to 14-7.

"They made fourth down plays like that all afternoon," lamented losing coach Jack Michalak, who a year earlier, had led the locals to a 40-6 rout of their arch-rivals. "We were concerned about the defense when we found out that Larry couldn't play, and it hurt us during many of their running plays," he added, referring to the absence of star lineman Larry Roberts.

Leading 14-7 at intermission, the Terriers took their initial second half possession 55 yards on six plays. Again, Wool left the Brownie secondary biting the dust, this time for 38 yards and a 21-7 advantage.

Realizing that things were getting out of hand, Michalak ordered Leclerc to the sky for the first time in the game. It made little difference - Brownie receivers had a case of the dropsies, and before you knew it, West Side had the ball back and the game won.

Potter ended an 11 play waltz, covering 65 yards on a 14 blast to paydirt. 28-7.

Agawam answered on the first play of period four when Leclerc found Yacteen for 12 yards. The Terriers final two forays to the goaline saw Hall hitting Wool from 16 yards out and Leo banging in from 9 yards late in the quarter.

Agawam mustered a mere 176 yards total offense compared to a blistering 500 for West Side. Leclerc had 92 of those yards the hard way - on 17 quarterback keepers. He paid the price.

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Senior Dan Beaudette, one of the fine breakaway threats in teh AA Conference, found little room to roam against the terrible Terriers. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

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## Sportsman Corner

by Bill Chiba

Out of the last 18 days of the Mass. bowhunting season, I was able to get into the woods about 6 days. The reasons for not hunting the full 18 days are to involved to get into. However, I saw only three does in the time I hunted and 7 rack bucks. The stories attached to the seven bucks and why I didn't bring one into the weighing station in Tolland are weird and one might say unbelievable to the person that does not hunt with the bow. I was telling of my experience with two of the monsters one morning in a local eatery and was accused by one of the listeners of being a liar. That hurt. I always enjoyed hearing tales from other hunters about their near misses and other related far fetched but true experiences during a hunt, and never once felt that they were lying about them. I always felt that extraordinary circumstances should be shared with other hunters. The episodes are all part of the hunting picture. So I will save my experiences for the eager ears of my grandsons and will be out during the regular gun season for deer with the bow and arrow. I know where the deer are and will try to ambush one of them, if not, nothing is lost for I have enjoyed competing with the wily old masters of the woods. This round goes to them and in a way I am happy about it.

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Commented York on Leclerc's play: "That kid is just an outstanding athlete. We were concerned about him coming in, especially the way he can throw. He took a hell of a beating."

While Terrier defenders Rich Seidiel, Curt Rolandini, Tim Eglon and Dave Zitka enjoyed most of the action from the sidelines, their counterparts headed by seniors Joe Pezzimenti and Bill Blackak, earned their keep and much post game praise.

Pezzimenti was named as the games' second annual outstanding defensive back (actually, he's a middle linebacker) by the Agawam Booster Club. Blackak was cited as the Brownies' top defensive lineman by the Boosters. Leclerc took offensive back honors and senior Mike Longhi captured the offensive lineman award.

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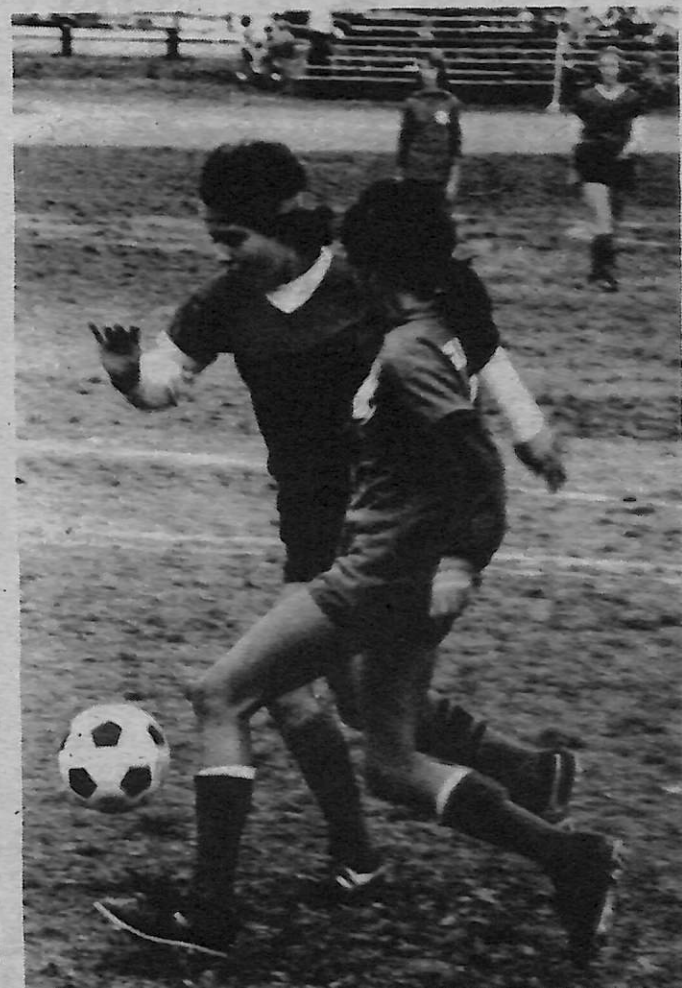
by Charles Duclos

"3A's Reel in Virginia"

After what seemed like endless activities preparing for the Agawam Athletic Association's girls' 13-14 soccer team trip to Virginia, the wee morning (12:30 a.m.) hour found a band of hardy travelers turkey-stuffed and in good spirits, ready for the long trek south to participate in the East Coast Invitational Soccer Tournament in Arlington.

It is difficult for one to explain to a passerby at that time of the day that you're waiting for a bus, when everyone knows that the P.V.T.A. lines do not run by the high school parking lot. However, at the appointed hour on Friday, November 23rd, the gigantic Peter Pan gracefully sailed out of the fog and swallowed us inside its enormous cavern... luggage and all, and as we departed the turf was as silent and ominous as it had been at the witching hour when we first invaded the area.

Several of the younger set promptly captured the rear area of the bus and established a gab fest, which seemed to go on forever, but it was pleasantly delightful to hear young voices talk of their Thanksgiving holiday and what they expected from the late morning commencement of the tournament. A few allowed the Sandman to waft his magical dust over their eyelids, and curled up in seats with blankets, coats, or sweaters draped over themselves. A couple even occupied the floor of the aisle, and those inching their way back and forth to the lavatory did not disturb their slumber at all, even though it appeared that a few fingers and toes were stepped on unintentionally.



Jennifer O'Brien brings down the ball leading to the second Agawam goal by Debbie Dalton. The final score was, Agawam 2, Arlington 0.

This writer had promised himself many years ago that someday he would enjoy the luxury of having his own bathroom and would be selfish and not share it with anyone. This was not to be the case this time, as circumstances necessitated taking turns, just like at home. Ever notice that no one wants to go into that room of rooms until you get in there???

The fog through the New York area and down the Jersey Turnpike was quite thick in many places, and the bus driver should be commended for his professionalism and cool-headedness during some trying moments. We found out that later in the morning the traffic had come to a virtual standstill or at best was inching its way along.

A car wash, a Monte Carlo night, endless games, and a bake sale finally brought us to our destination at about 8:30 a.m. We were greeted by good news and bad. The good news was that our town's manager, Peter Caputo, had sent best wishes to the group and it was most welcome after our tiring trip. The bad news was that the hotel did not have total accommodations for us, which necessitated our being transferred to another in their chain.

Undaunted, the girls were deposited at the field to compete in their first game. Coach Bill O'Brien and his assistant coach, Shari Baldarelli, inspired their charges to take a 2-0 win over their Arlington

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## A Few Sidenotes

Do some of you remember Miss Susan Dewar?? She practice taught at the Jr./Senior Agawam High School in 1953 in home economics. She is now Mrs. Leo Zajac and is the program coordinator of volunteers in the Arlington school system.

Joanne O'Brien almost lost her pocketbook to a thief in New York City. Ask her about it.

My motion picture camera was not very cooperative during part of the trip. Some strong words, a few nudges on its cranium, a slap in the lens, and the threat of being deep-sixed made it come around, and the Super 8 did double time in fine fashion.

A contingent of parents and fans accompanied the team. Some were Henry Kozloski, Tom Albano and Tom, Jr., Chris Altobelli, Lynda Kunasek, René Dalton, Carl, Barbara, and Karol Goehlert, Gail Stefanik, Marie Goodman, Dolly Chevalier, Joanne, Jeff, Dave, and Deanne Duclos, Sharon Baldarelli, Dave, Barbara, Angela, Craig, and Jennifer Quaglini, Lou and Lois Miodowski, Joanne and Billy O'Brien, and C.J.D.

Some day Sharon Baldarelli will finish her knitting...we hope.

Carl and Barbara Goehlert fell victim to the fog. It took them thirteen hours to reach Virginia.

Virginia may be for lovers, but it's also a great place for super soccer tournaments.



The Agawam group on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

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counterparts, who, by the way, were the girls' host team. During the action, Maria Kozloski dribbled the sphere almost completely down the outside line and fed Julie Miodowski in front of the goal to satisfy her hunger with a point getter. Later in the first half, Debbie Dalton also egged one in during a mad scramble in front of the goal. Good defensive action by Arlington kept the Brownies from scoring again in the second half.

At the end of each game, our girls presented all players and coaches from the opposition with a patch and a can of Orange Crush soda, which they adopted during the regular season's playoffs.

Friday evening saw the "children" putting the old timers and some of the not so old to bed quite early, as most were too pooped to pop. We didn't even "beg" the kids to stay up to watch the next t.v. show. I went into the sack at 7:30, but as my wife says, "So what else is new...at home you usually fall asleep in the recliner at about the same time each night."

Saturday morning the gals took a defeat at the hands of the Springfield (Va.) team. Our girls played one whale of a game, but the forces were not on their side. A couple of bad breaks from a direct kick on goal and one which appeared to have been in the goal left the Brownies scoreless. Springfield's goalie did a super job at her position, and their defense was outstanding. We dropped that one 2-0.

During a lull in the action, we were afforded the opportunity of some sight-seeing. I'm glad that walking has been my thing lately, as one needs the stamina of a mountain goat to climb the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, as well as to the top of Arlington Cemetery. A tour past the White House, the Capitol, and Smithsonian Institution's buildings, the Washington Monument, and other sights cannot but make an impression on a body. In addition, many of us were afforded a beautiful, breath-taking panoramic view of Washington from atop our hotel that night.

A 3:30 p.m. game with Northport, L.I. N.Y. gave our hometowners a tie. Diane Goodman chipped in a beauty from the right side into the back left corner of the goal's jaw within the last minute of play in the first half. Back-to-back goals by Northport surged them ahead 2-1, but Jennifer O'Brien and Diane Goodman would have none of this trailing action and teamed up to even the score with Diane picking up the assist.

Although the team did not make the finals, a 1-1-1 record was a respectable showing. The fun-loving "hamming-it-up" they were able to do in Virginia helped to cement interstate and inter-community relations, which will not be quickly forgotten by all participants from both the North and South. Southern nights and southern hospitality were fantastic. The parents and girls are most grateful to our hosts, but especially, all are grateful to our town, Agawam, and our neighbors for the support received in this endeavor.

Jerry Mason lent his usual expertise and know-how in helping us get under control, and taking it upon myself to be an informal spokesman, I say, "Thanks, Jerry, to you and the Association." But most of all I would like to thank Bill O'Brien for without his coaching and caring we might not have had a team in the first place. In addition, he had double duty in Virginia and along the way as not only the coach and overseer of the girls, but also as the coordinator of all who accompanied the team. Thanks, Bill.

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Linda Desmaris gets off a pass while Lisa Chevalier and Micheel Duclos look on. Agawam lost 2-0 against Springfield, Virginia.



Diane Goodman takes a shot on goal with Maria Kozloski in background.



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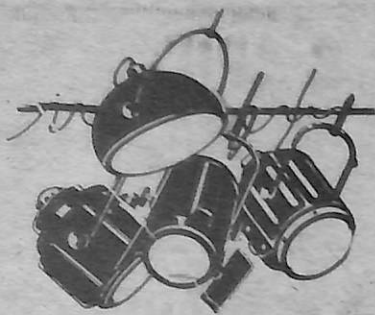
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Eveleen, Gary and their two sons Brian and Jason, have lived in Feeding Hills for the past two years. Aside from the human elements of their household, Eveleen claims they have at least one of everything from the store in the house. - Good things they all love animals!

You are all welcome in to browse and get acquainted with their store. Pinky's is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.



Eveleen and Gary Osborne, Co-Owners of Pinky's Pampered Pets.

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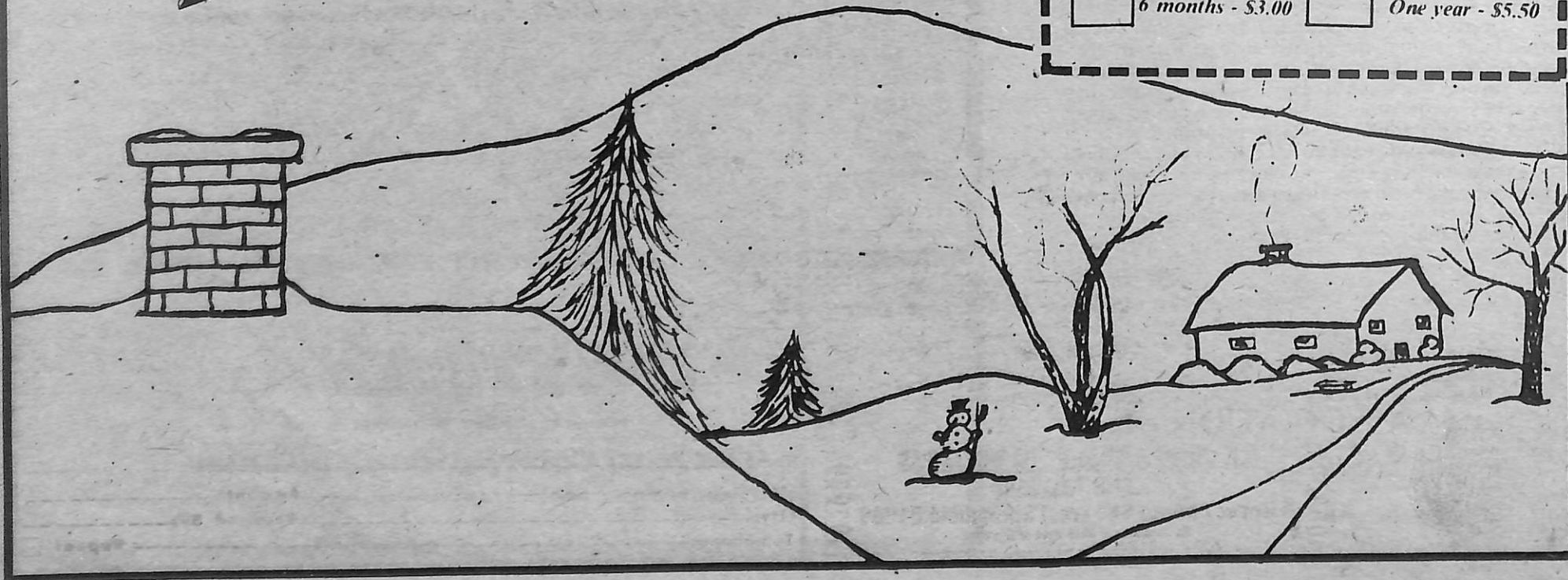
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doing his job. He's allowing this to become an epidemic because he's not stopping the spreading of the condition."

**Situation Most Critical At Clark And Phelps**

According to Acting Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, the situation first developed in Clark and Phelps Elementary Schools, where it still remains most critical. He said all of the students at Clark have been checked on four separate occasions, and those at Phelps have all been examined also.

From the latest reports, between 80 and 100 cases have been reported since October 24th at the Clark School, several at Phelps, and sporadic cases at Danahy, Robinson, and Peirce. A matter of some concern has been the recurring cases which have been found with those individuals who had originally been thought to be cured.

Bruno explained to the committee that the school nurses were actually combing through the students hair, and when a case is discovered, the parents of the child are notified and the child is sent home with instructions to seek treatment.

"Our school nurses have been out straight checking and rechecking the students," said Bruno. "Several suggestions have been implemented to aid in keeping the problem from spreading. For example, students have been told not to use the coat closets, but to hang their coats on the backs of their desk chairs instead."

Bruno also emphasized that literature on the nature of this problem has been ordered and will be going home very shortly to parents of all children in the system.

School Committee members concurred that every child must be checked and very quickly. Mrs. Snyder expressed her opinion that more people should be hired if necessary to implement a full treatment from discovery of cases through to verifying the cured students so it may be done as quickly as possible.

Committee member Tom Ennis pointed out that younger children who may attend day care centers, in many cases outside of Agawam, often bring home the condition and communicate it to siblings.

Ennis also noted that apartment complexes where the problem may flourish should be visited. He requested that Bruno strongly urge Health Officer Young to visit personally those areas of town where the problem may originate.

**Course Of Action Planned**

Bruno explained the planned course of action for the present is to examine every student in the school system and to educate parents on ways to both prevent the lice from spreading as well as how to clear up an instance should it occur.

"I don't know exactly what constitutes an epidemic in a situation like this," Bruno explained, "but I do know that I don't intend to let the situation get any worse than it is. I intend to cooperate fully with Mr. Young and the school nurses to get this problem under control."

At a meeting held this past Wednesday morning, Health Director Young was instructed by Bruno and the principals of the elementary schools in town to survey all elementary students by Friday, November 30th. He was to seek additional nursing personnel and funding if necessary in order to accomplish this town-wide canvassing by the end of this week.

Young explained that repeat cases are occurring because parents may take care to treat their child's head with the recommended prescription shampoo, but often don't carry through the procedure to cleaning personal care articles such as combs, laundering bedding, clothing, and so on. He also pointed out that all members of a household should be treated with the Kwell shampoo simultaneously or the condition may spread.

Dr. James Doering, school physician, also indicated that it is most important that every member of the family be treated with the prescription shampoo Kwell. According to him, no other type of shampoo bought over the counter will work. He offered his services free of charge to prescribe the shampoo for anyone who does not have a family doctor. Doering also recommended spraying upholstered furniture, carpeting, draperies, and so on with an over-the-counter remedy called RC spray. He stated that lice could possibly live up to 30 days on surfaces other than hair. The spraying procedure should be repeated about a week after the original dosage is performed.

A suggestion was made to Mr. Bruno at the School Committee meeting that he investigate what area schools who have had experience with this problem have done to clear it up and to contact the state Department of Public Health for possible assistance if necessary.

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technicality" and did not warrant further reviewing from the Board of Registrars.

Earlier in the recount, Valentine R. Moreno, a Rolland representative, challenged the fact that Nardi was present at the recount since he had failed to file for the recount. The registrars allowed Nardi to remain.

"I thought we handled the entire matter in a fair and lawful manner. It just proved that the machines were correct in the first place," commented Caba on the proceedings.

Both Nardi and Rolland voiced confidence for the upcoming election. Nardi, who was said to have "sat on his butt" during the fall campaign, pledged to form a re-election committee this time around.

The veteran councilor and long-time political figure said he will present his past record before the precinct for inspection during his re-election bid. He declared, "I didn't work as hard as I normally do, but this time will be different, I promise you that."

Rolland, the 22-year-old newcomer who stunned the community by stalemating Nardi, said he feels confident of victory. He said that he no longer carried a "Who's he?" label as he did when he first threw his hat into the race last summer.

"I plan to work ten times harder. I think I have much better shot this time. People in the precinct want a councilor who can put a full effort into being a councilor, and not a man who doesn't give the time he should," Rolland added, criticizing Nardi.

Rolland promised to do everything in his power to reopen the North Agawam fire station, which Town Manager Peter Caputo closed earlier this year.

According to the town charter, Nardi will remain on the council until a challenger can unseat him.

**Dog Officer Reminds Town Of Leash Law**

The Dog Officer for the Town of Agawam, George Powling, would like to emphasize residents of the fact that Agawam does have a leash law. Owners of dogs should not allow them to roam freely.

Mr. Powling asks anyone who has a problem with a loose dog to contact him weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 736-0052, and on weekends between 8 and 4 at 732-9512.

He asks that, whenever possible, the dog be tied or restrained from further roaming until he can arrive or send someone to pick it up. If this restraining action seems inadvisable, try to get the correct owner's name and address.

Mr. Powling lives at 496 Amostown Road, West Springfield.

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